

LIEXANDRIA: SATURDAY MORNING, JULY 28, 1860.

POLITICAL.

THE CENTH LEGION .- The Rockingham Register says, "both the Douglas and Breckiaridge wings of the Democracy of Augusta have recommended to their respective Conventions, to be held at Charlottesville and Strunton, the adoption of a compromise to be effect that but one electoral ticket be voted for by the Virginia Democracy, and the electors shall cast the vote of Virginia for Douglas or Breckinridge, accordingly as it may elect either of them; and if it will not elect either, then to be cast accordingly as either is the strongest outside of Virginia, ne proven by the electoral vote of other

The Vailey Democrat says: "Both meetings suggested to the State conventions at Charlottesville and Staunton, that the vote te cast for one Electoral ticket &c. Messrs. Smith, Leaks and Moffett were invited to speat, and to favor this agreement. After the meetings had adjourned, Messrs. Smith, leake and Moffett addressed the Democracy. The two first named gentlemen were willing to the arrangement proposed in the resolutions, and favored its adoption at Charlottes--ille. Dr. Joffett desired harmony, but corld make no promise as he wished to evisit the action of the Staunton Convention. He was willing to abide by its action whatever it might be. The greatest enthusiasm preveiled among the friends of Douglas .-'he bone and sinew of the country were present in large numbers, and are largely in favor of the Douglas ticket.'

The Laxington Valley Star says - "We re not only assured upon good authority thet there is beyond all doubt, from 1000 to 1500 majority for Douglas in Rockingham, but that the reaction in Shenandoah is alreaerect and still progressing."

a paragraph is going the rounds of the nevispapers, stating that General Cass has pressed himself strongly in favor of Mr. Douglas for the presidency, and in distinct scintilla of treth in this statement. Whatever may have been General Cass' opinions on the territorial questions in the past, and belever accord may have existed between his views and those of Mr. Douglas, we know that since the rendering of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Dred Scott case, he has declared repeatonly that he accepts that decision as final end binding on him as on all other good citisear, and that his future action will be conrolled by it absolutely."

The Richmond Whig says: - "Kentucky is irretrievably lost to John C. Breekinridge,-Le has not an earthly shadow of a chance, εnd Bell will get the vote by at least 20,000. For a short ome the Yancevites kept up their prospect of reward, their ardor is considerelly abatec, and we shall not be surprised to and Brechinridge hindmost in Kentucky. There are 165 counties in the State. In 45, making the most liberal estimate for Breckinridge, Douglas bas 20,000. Say that he has only, 19,000 in the other 60, which is far below his strength; and it leaves Breckinridge only 45,000 votes, and John Bell 70,000."

The St. Louis Republican-a paper which or years has had more influence than all the others combined in Missouri-of a late date. has the following editorial:-"We receive at least one hundred letters per day, from various parts of this State, Iowa, Illinois, and Arkensac, all of them, after disposing of mat this (fousiness, making most cheering reports of the feeling in favor of Douglas and John son. Indeed, we never saw anything like it in the history of the excitement preceding a Precidential election.

Judge Ditton, of Wisconsin, who was last spring elected to the Supreme Court of the State, has come out for Douglas. He was formerly a Black Pepublican, but not being able to endorse the course of that party in being "everything by turns and nothing nullification and abolitionism, came out from long"-first for Gen. Scott, then for Mr. emong them, and was taken up by the Democracy as an independent candidate for Chief Justice, and elected over his nullify-

Cerator Citzpatrick, of Alabama, is out in laster, in which he states that he declined the comination for the vice-presidency because he differed widely from Senator Douglas up on the question of popular or squatter sovereignly, and the protection of slave property duals have liberally subscribed-and others u. the territories. Senator F. says he will cardially support Breckinridge and Lane Lion, Dra'l W. Voorhees, one of the most by

eloquent men in America, made a st speech for Douglas at Indianapolis, Ind ane, on Saturday night. A Western puter seys the crowd were taken by storm. the enthusicsm knew no bounds. Mr. Vor hees was at aret opposed to Douglas.

The Petersburg Intelligencer says to the Pall and Everett men of the Union, let your metch word be work! work! work! until November ne.:t. Let each and every one do something in his own way for the cause of

the Constitution and the Union. After all the exposition of the Printing In-Congress, it appears that the Republicans low his lead, probably. themselves have cut out some similar work

states that the Democracy of that county are | increasing in numbers, and in spirit.

almost unanimous for Douglas. On Tuesday last, the friends of the Union Easton, Md., which for enthusiasm and gen- last Tuesday. nine feeling eclipsed anything that was ever

witnessed in that Gibraltar of Democracy Mr. Douglas has been lately making speech- the Great Eastern at New York, every day. es to large crowds at Saratoga Springs, Troy, a.e. He defends vigorously his position

and his friends say, makes friends wherever The Helens (Ark.) Shield learns that Hon.

Albert Rust will take the stump for Douglas at an early day, and other friends of the Little Giant will doubtless follow suit: so that a lively contest may be anticipated.

The friends of Douglas in Springfield, Ill., and other places in that State, are getting up large meetings in his favor.

ing in Detroit, Michigan.

The friends of Bell and Everett are organiz

Garrett Davis, of Ky., in a recent letter, speaking of Bell and Everett, says :- "They are both statesmen of the Washington school, of great natural ability, of profound reading in the science of the government, and of thorough practical knowledge of our own. Their enlarged policy, principles and patriotism, embrace and pervade the whole of our oreat country, and all its diversity of soil, climate, production and interests. They are not extremists, but they are moored in the moderation of enlightened, matured, national, and philosophic statesmen. Everett has the more genius, learning and eloquence. Bell the more practical statesmanship and the more nerve to meet and quell the sterms of disunion." We believe that in any crisis, Edward Everett would have as much nerve and moral courage to meet it, as John Bell -and we believe that Bell and Everett is the ticket which ought to be voted for by every man anxious to preserve the Constitution, maintain the Union, and have peace and happiness restored to the country.

The Abolitionists in Massachusetts continue to exult in the hope that they will, at rush Edward Everett. They hate him with a hatred which envy, malice, and all uncharitableness always exhibit towards excellence and superiority. Wilson, the Massachusetts Senator, especially, is active against the man whose attainments, character, and patriotism contrast so strongly with his want of all these qualifications of a statesman. The abolitionists at the North hate and endeavor to defeat Everett, because he is true to his country and the South-and is openly in opposition to all their schemes, purposes, and designs. Men of the South, be generous! Acknowledge and support your friends, who are ostracised at home, because they will not unite in a crusade against you!

The state of the case-as to Breckinridge and Douglas-is just this: If we were to believe all the representations of the Douglas papers, their favorite is the choice of ninetenths of the Democratic party in the North, and two-thirds of it in the South; and if we were to believe all the statements of the Breckinridge papers, their favorite would obtain the votes of nine-tenths of the Democrats in the South, and a large majority in the North. As both representations cannot be true, there remains only the necessity of disbelieving both, and coming to the conclusion that Bell and Everett ought to beat them both North and South! And let all the peo-

Songlas for the presidency, and in the sporoval of Idr. Douglas' position on the question of slavery in the Territories. The washington States and Union continues its denunciation of the practice of wlevying" upon the clerks in the Departments at Washington for money to carry or the political campaigns. It declares that in addition to the required "material aid" to the government organ, a new assessment has just been made, whereby each clerk is subjected to the payment of \$15 for the uses of the Buchanan Yancey club in Washington. This, if so, cannot be too saverely condemned. Under a Whig administration this practice would be broken up. Men of all parties would rejoice to see such a state of things atterly abolished

"Conventions" seem to be, in these days scenes of confusion, rather than of consulcourage, and ber largely upon the State for tation. Even the Convention of the Tobacco Breekingidge. In a hopeless cause, without Planters, at Marlboro', Maryland, the other day, partook of the present characteristics. There was very considerable noise and confusion, and nothing done. One gentleman, who opposed the holding of another the spirit of evil seemed to brood over Conventions of late, to sow seeds of discord and estrangement among those who should act in unity." He was not far from right.

> The rumor mentioned by a Washington correspondent of the Richmond Whig about Gov. Wise, and his support of Bell and Everett, of course, has no foundation in fact. It was probably put out as a joke. We wish it were true. How gladly would we follow as of yore, the white plume of the gallant 'Harry' leading on the Whigs to "battle

The New York Herald, which as a political Journal, certainly can have no influence, Buchanan, then for Houston, and then for, we don't know who else, in its last phase, is decidedly Breckinridge. Who it will be for next it is impossible to say.

The subject of a visit to Annapolis roads the steamer Great Eastern is revived in Baltimore. Various companies and indiviare expected to come forward-so as to raise he reconstructed for the purchase of coal,

from Russia state that the impe desto in regard to the emancipation erfs of that empire, will be issued the close of the present year, and had, next, in time, will come the nobles long for a reform which they have lately

The Louisville Journal says that Mr. Guthrie, of Kentucky, pronounces the nomination of Breckinridge "a merely sectional nomination, and declines to support it." restization Committee of the last session of Guthrie's friends, in Kentucky, will all fol-

The advocates of Bell and Everett-the The Stares and Union says - "A very in- candidates of the Whigs-the candidates of telligont and prominent citizen of Kappahan the Union Constitutional Conservative men noc': county, Va., in conversation with as, | - North, South, East and West-are daily

> One hundred boys, in the House of Re-Immense crowds of people continue to visit

The owners have large receipts. The Black Republicans in all the Northern

States are active in the present contest. They are working with all their might.

The population of Culpeper Court House, about 1,200, according to the census just

The Prince of Wales sailed from St. Johns for Halifax on the 26th instant.

Court House, is offered for sale.

A letter from Washington, in the New York Commercial, says :- "One of the newspaper sketches of Mr. Gales that I have seen, remarks that "he was once a Democrat." This is an error. He never rejoiced in that appellation. He was a republican of the school of Jefferson, Madison, Monroe, and a Whig of the school of Adams, Clay, and Webster. The name of Democrat was never adopted by the friends of Jefferson, Madison, and Monroe. They were republicans and their opponents were proud of the

appellation of federalists." Our Whig friends in Culpeper have commenced their organization with zeal. The proceedings of their late meeting we will publish in our next. Mr. Pendleton's speech was an able and eloquent one. They have raised at the Court House, a Whig pole, 117 feet high-and at the raising there was much enthusiasm and eloquent speeches made by Col. Freeman, Mr. Beckham, Mr. Hogg, Mr. Priddie and others.

The treaty of amity and commerce with the next Presidential election, be able to Japan, the ratifications of which were exchanged when the Embassy were in Washington, is officially published. One of the articles provides that the President at the request of the Japanese Government, will net as friendly mediator in such matters of difference as may arise between the Government and any other European power.

> A person from Occoquan, who was at the meeting of the Republican Club in Washington, on Thursday night, stated, that the few individuals in and about Occoquan, concerned in raising the Lincoln pole there, had

A destructive storm occurred in Prince Edward county, Va., on Sunday last. Many houses in Farmville were injured, and the crops in the surrounding country dam-

monthly address, before the Young Men's Christian Association of Loudoun, in Leesburg, on Monday evening, the 13th of Au-

A letter from Vera Cruz to the Mexican Consul at New Orleans, says the Knights of the Golden Circle have offered their assistance to the Constitutional Government, but that Juarez rejected the offer. The District convention for the Rocking-

E. Church, to meet in Harrisonburg, has Mrs. Marianna Mayo, wife of Jo Mayo, esq., Mayor of the city of Richmond,

ham district of the Baltimore Conference, M.

Va., died on Thursday. She was an estimable and esteemed lady. The shoe store of W. P. W. Taylor, in Richmond, caught fire on Thursday, and was

The Chicago Zouaves are to visit Baltimore, on Tuesday next. On Friday, they will proceed to Washington or Cincinnatti.

damaged to the amount of \$7,000.

Journal of Philadelphia, for August. Also, an Oration on the I nion, by Hev. James Preston Fugitt, delivered at St. Timothy's Hall, Baltimore County, June 30, 1860.

News from Washington.

The United States Court of Claims has adjourned, to meet on the 15th of October next. But little business has been transac-Convention next Fall, solemnly declared that ted during the present year, counsel in many cases preferring to await definite action on the congressional bill proposing to so change the law establishing that tribunal as to make its awards final and giving the right of ap-

The Hon. Miles Taylor, of Louisiana, having returned to Washington, the Douglas Executive committee have fairly commenced their document distributing labors. As an item of political literature, it may be stated they are preparing an edition of one hundred thousand copies of a tract entitled

'Lincoln and his Record.' The Breckinridge Executive Committee are preparing for extensive circulation an insured. address on the territorial question and in op-

position to the views of Judge Douglas. The Republicans are not idle as to the printing and distribution of the campaign locuments, while the Bell and Everett comnittee are industriously employed in the dissemination of their own political light.

The rumor that Gen. Cushing aspires to the Supreme Court is founded on nothing excepting the fact that his talents and learning would eminently fit him for such a place. His views and wishes have a different direc-

The President has appointed Geo. Mend postmaster at Battle Creek, Mich., vice Campbell, removed, and D. A. Fulton postmaster at Corning, N. Y., vice Walker, re-

It is reported that several other removals are contemplated, including United States

Marshall Jewett and the postmaster of Al-The receipts in the Treasury the past week have been \$1,537,000; drafts paid \$1,389,000. Amount subject to draft nearly

The Comissioner of Patents has decided that it is not a compliance with the statute on the part of the office to refuse a patent because the thing claimed as patentable had been seen by an examiner of the office some twenty years before. Where such knowledge existed solely in the examiner, the party applying for a patent would have no means of forming a judgment except by an examination of the device referred to. He is, therefore, entitled to be furnished with such information in regard to its whereabouts as will enable him to begin his search for it

with a reasonable prospect of success. Hon, Edward Bates, of Missouri, is at the

BLONDIN'S FOURTH PERFORMANCE .-- Wednesday afternoon, says the Niagara Falls Gazette M. Blondin gave his fourth public exhibition on his rope over the Niagara. There and of Bell and Everett, held a meeting at fage at Rochester, N. Y., made their escape were more people in town than on any previous occasion. Blondin walked first from to be quite furious upon the syster question. the Canada side, going through his usual At a recent meeting of the citizens of Dame's performances until he came to the centre, where he fastened his balancing pole to the cable and descended a slack rope, the two ends of which are fastened some fifty feet apart to his main cable, the slack hanging some twenty or thirty feet below. Upon this string he ran down as though perfectly at home. He suspended himself from this with straps, hanging two or three feet below. He also stood, up, to every appearance a really dangerous act. But when he whirled himself like a wheel, heels over head, and very fast, people held their breath in utter amazement. Some turned their backs upon him, not wishing to look upon such a fearful performance. After returning to his The Blue Ridge Republican at Culpeper | highway he completed the trip to the American side. Lynchburg, Va., to Australia.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

"To show the very age and body of the TIMES."

The Augusta (Ga.) Dispatch has the following items:-"A negro belonging to Senator Toombs emigrated Northwardly a short time since. Having been left in Washington city after the adjournment of Congress to bring on his master's horses, he very honestly shipped the horses South, but he himself took the other end of the road, and is now probably in a free State. One of Hon. A. II. Stephens's servants was committed to jail last week in this city, having robbed his master of some \$500. He "fell among thieves" of his own color down here, who robbed him of some \$200, but the money has been all, or nearly all, recovered. It is supposed from circumstances that he was making preparations to join Mr. Toombs's taken ill and died very suddenly. His sal-Augusta interfered with his progress and

led to his arrest." Scientific observers at Yale, Union and Troy Universities variously compute the height of the meteor above the earth at from 50 to 80 miles. Its speed, relative to the eleven miles per second. Its course was in the same direction as that of the earth. which, so to speak, it overtook and passed. This would make its absolute velocity in space somewhere between 90,000 and 180-000 miles an hour. It was seen, as far as we can yet learn, throughout the whole of Lower Canada.

A man named Logan has been arrested in Baltimore, charged with the murder of A. B. Kyle, esq., committed under circumstances of peculiar and wanton brutality during the election disorders of last Fall. The evidence upon which the arrest was made has not transpired, but it is said to be of a chardetermined not to resist, the taking of the acter to prove the charge conclusively. If it is, we may hope that a most atrocious deed of blood will at last be adequately punished.

We learn from the Taunton Gazette that a boat containing six men, two women and three children, was eapsized in Mount Hope Bay on Sunday afternoon. Eli Irving, one aged. Several tobacco barns were blown of the party, swam three-quarters of a mile, when obtaining the assistance of some boatmen the whole party were picked up in a Rev. Dr. Balch will deliver the regular comparatively comfortable state. Hoop skirts were the means of saving the women.

> A meeting of the citizens of Prince George's county, Md., is to be held at Upper Marlboro', next Tue-day, to send delegates to a Convention of the tide-water counties of the State at Point Lookout, on the 10th of August, to consider the subject of the late attempt to appropriate the oyster beds of the State to private uses. Died, in Baltimore, on Wednesday, John

Reese, esq., late President of the Firemen's Insurance Company, over which institution did not spare the Chief Magistrate himself. he presided for many years past. Mr. Reese | but dealt him as rough a blow as any. Alwas in the eighty-fifth year of his age, and luding to the Scotch blood in his veins, and was well known as a most estimable citizen. to his repeated protestations against a se-Mr. R. was one of the defenders of Baltimore | cond | nomination, | he | said | he | had | never

The Convention of Vine Growers of the United States meets in Aiken, South Carolina, on the 2d day of August, to discuss several very important points concerning the grapes of America and the making of American wine. All who cultivate the fruit, whether for this purpose or for table use, have been invited to attend.

The Pleuro-pneumonia or cattle disease in Massachusetts, which it had been hoped was rapidly passing away, has within the past few days made its appearance among the cat-We have received the Eelectic Medical the of Rutland, a hitherto exempted district. The heavy rains within the last two weeks seems to have developed the disease remarka-

Danbury, the great hat-making town in Connecticut, has nearly half a million dollars invested in the hatting business. The sales of hats there made, amount to a million and a half of dollars yearly, or about a dollar a piece for the hats made. Thirteen hundred persons are employed in the work, chiefly men and boys.

Senator Douglas and wife are now at Saratoga Springs, where they will remain for a week or more, and afterwards visit friends in New England, and also visit Newport. He will not go to Western New York to al Union Party, and to use not only the arvisit his mother and relatives there till the latter part of August.

At Newark, July 25, a destructive fire occurred, destroying H. Saurbier's cutlery establishment, and Messrs. Turnbull & Gomersall's carriage manufactory, including a large amount of stock. Other buildings adjoining the only guarantee that we have for a perpetuawere also damaged. Loss \$84,000; partially

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Price Current, writing from Titusville, Pa., says 7,000 barrels of oil have been obtained from the wells in that region, and sold in New York at \$15 per barrel of 40 gallons. Some thirty wells have proved successful, yielding together about 400 barrels per day.

The next arrival from Honduras will no doubt bring definite information of the landing of General Wm. Walker, with a small party of adherents, in Honduras, en route, via that isthmus and Guatemala, for his old stamping ground, Nicaragua.

The London correspondence of Wilkes' Spirit says that, in his encounter with Idle Boy, a ferocious horse that he lately tamed. Mr. Rarey had a large piece torn out of his left coat sleeve by the teeth of the vicious animal. Luckily the arm was not injured.

At Reading, Pa., on the 20th, as reported by L. H. Kendall, "four brilliant meteors were seen suddenly to rise from an angle of about 35 deg., about W. N. W., and ascending about 10 deg. They pursued a rapid assailed," and talks, in an incidental sort of course in an east and southerly direction.

An item of Mexican news is the immediate, unconditional release of Gen. La Vega and companions by the constitutional government, immediately after their exchange for General Uraga had been refused by Mi-

Rev. Dr. Courtland Van Rensselaer, a popular clergyman of the Presbyterian church, who died at Burlington, New Jersey, on Thursday, was a son of the late Gen. Stephen Van Rensselaer, of Albany. Application has been made in New York

The people of Somerset county, Md., seem

Quarter and vicinity, much enthusiasm pre-Pacific railroad, at Kansas City, was celebrated on the 25th by bonfires, barbecues.

and other festivities.

Grand Rapids, Michigan, is in a furor of excitement on the dog question. Cattle and hogs have both been bitten, and human life threatened. The season at Newport is gay. Ninety-

eight cottages have been rented, of which 93 are occupied. During the past year over 100,000 pounds of dried apples have been shipped from

Wm. Edwards, of Springfield, left home one morning last week, entirely well, and while working in a field a singular feeling came over him, striking him dumb almost instantly, in which state he remains. He

tion of speech. For the production of the single article of hay for the New Orleans market, the fertile meadows of Illinois are becoming appreciated; one farmer, south of Urbana, sold last season, 1,000 tons of timothy, at \$10 per ton; this hay was shipped south by the Illinois

Central, and sold for \$25. R. H. Tucker, esq., sold out the Napoleon (Ark.) Planter a few days ago to Mr. Wm. Higgins, and the latter gentleman had scarcely written his salutatory, when he was

In the year 1859 there were imported into the United States 281,208 tons of coal, at a value of \$933,200, the duty upon the same amounting to \$223,968. Of the total importation 184,270 tons were consumed in New earth, is computed to have been from five to | York, the duty upon which was \$144,498.

> New York has been enormous-the whole number slaughtered, from the commencement of the season to date, being 3,007. Not more reported during the summer. The Supreme Court of Wisconsin have re-

the liberation of S. M. Booth, who is in jail at Milwaukee, for violation of the fugitive On Thursday of last week a violent thun-

A Reminiscence—The Whig Platform Adopted. The last speech of Senator Thompson, of Kentucky, will long be remembered by the

tinued for seventy-two hours.

hundreds who crowded the galleries to hear Too weak to remain standing, the facetions gentleman sat down in his chair, and delivered his farewell to that body of which he had been in times past one of the most brilliant ornaments, and to the political world into which he had thrown himself with so much ardor when Henry Clay was at the zenith of his fame. Clutching the front of his desk with both hands, alternately pulling his hair forward and pushing it backward, this wreck of what had been splendid intellect threw out its last scintilla tions of wit, humor, sarcasm, and hard common sense. Fond of personalties, he addressed himself to all the members of the Senate whose names had been mentioned prominently in connection with the Presilency. Crittenden, Seward, Douglas-all received his back-handed compliments. He known a Scotchman to lose his hold when once his grasp was fastened upon anything. Regarding Mr. Breckinridge as the proteg of Mr. Buchanan, he called him the Presi

dent's political son-the only son of any sort he ever had or would have-declared that the Vice President had always been lucky, that his friends expected his luck to earry him into the White House, "but sir, said he, "the white of your eye is too white -vou will never be President of these United States. We are reminded of Senator Thompson' prophecy by looking over the speech made

ov Mr. Breckinridge when he was serenaded in this city recently. His luck has gained him the nomination of a portion of the Democraey, and so far the prediction of Senator Thompson holds good; it remains to be seen whether the "white of his eye is "indeed too white" to admit his entrance into the White House. We are inclined to think The nomination of a minority, and that minority a meagre one, does not augur favorably for the lucky son of Kentucky But what looks even worse than this, is the fact that the Senator with all his talents. with all the past history of Democracy to inspire him, and with all the excitement that music can bring to bear upon the sources of eloquence, was compelled to fall back upon the positions of the Constitutionguments but almost the very words of the preamble and resolutions in which the aim and objects of that party are set forth. We beg the especial attention of our readers to the following extract:

It becomes us, my fellow citizens, to pay strict fidelity to the Constitution and the Union; it is tion of the unity of these States, and it is the surest guarantee of peace and happiness for our entire land. (Loud applause.) If at any time we throw away the principles of the Constitution, the only safeguard of our liberties, the only source of national happiness, we merely drift away from the very foundation of our government, and effect cradical change in the very Constitution itself. This is not to be desired, and should be averted by every true patriot of our laud. This, I am sure. will be done by the lovers of the Constitution and the Union. (Loud applause.) The Constitution. as formed by our fathers, we have all lived happi ly under, and may we not say the form of govern ment suited to the fathers is certainly suited to the children? Let us keep the form of our fathers If it was good enough for them, it is certainly good enough for us. (Applause.) The Constitu-tion is good enough for us. The rights there laid

down meet our approval. Could Mr. Bell, or Mr. Everett, or any advocate of the Constitutional Union party. hold positions different from these? Would they not use this precise language? Are not those our own arguments? Was it from accident or from choice that Mr. Breckinridge uttered these sentiments? We are also be commenced on that day. puzzled to answer. It is true that in a subequent portion of his speech, Mr. Breckinridge says that the "Constitution has been way, about the "protection of persons and property." But the burthen of his sneech. as proved not only by the extract we have given, but also by what precedes and follows it, is, unquestionably, "The Constitution. the Union, and the Enforcement of the Laws"—our own watchword.—Balt, Amer. known to produce larger ones than this.

AN ESTHETICAL INSTRUMENT, - There has been a great prejudice against the administhe fatality which has accompanied their use in many cases. Dr. Luther, of this city, has invented an instrument to be used in the administration of ether or chloroform, which is by Levi S. Chatfield for an injunction against | highly recommended by our most eminent the payment of bills for the reception and physicians and surgeons. The interior convapor, a full and sufficient quantity of atmospheric air, thereby securing to the blood an adequate supply of oxygen, preventing congestion of the heart and lungs, admitted now to be the principal, if not the only cause of death, while under anaesthetic treatment. The ceremony of breaking ground on the This inhaler also provides for an immediate escape of the vitiated air thrown off by exhalation, that it may not be reinhaled as is the case where a saturated napkin or sponge is placed over the mouth and nose,-N. T.

Mr. Hickman's republican speech in Philadelphia, the other night, contained a severe denunciation of Mr. Douglas' course on Kansas, preferring that of Mr. Breckinridge as outspoken and evident, while that of Douglas was concealed and tricky. The speech created considerable excitement among the friends of Douglas. It is understood that John B. Haskin will reply at Westchester.

VIRGINIA NEWS.

The commissioners appointed under the act passed at the last session of the Legislature, "for the better defence of the State," have entered into a contract with Mr. Ames, has possession of all his senses with the excep- for the machinery necessary for the manufacture of arms at the Armory in Richmond. The contract now only awaits the sanction of the Governor. The powder purchased by the commissioners, to the amount of \$10,000, is on its way to Richmond, and will be stored in the magazine until new magazines are erected in Lexington and Richmond, when it will be equally divided between both

The result of the recent Railroad conferences at Old Point and Lynchburg, has been to reduce freight of all kinds to the same rate, via East Tennessee, Virginia and Tennessee, Southside, and Norfolk and Petersservant at the North, but the fascinations of utatory and obituary appeared in the same burg Railroads, as charged from Savannah coastwise to New York. The effect of this arrangement will be to place cotton on Norfolk wharves for \$3.50 per bale from Memphis, and will give all that article intended for foreign shipment an advantage of sixteen days over the New Orleans market.

The Norfolk Day Book says :- "Colonel Wm. Mahone, the President of the Norfolk The havoc among the dogs this season in and Petersburg Railroad, left Norfolk on Wednesday for New York, where he goes to make arrangements and offer inducements that will surely bring the Great Eastern into than three cases of hydrophobia have been Hampton Roads. The same paper adds, that "in the event of the great ship's arrival, there need be no apprehensions as to hotel accommodations, when they come to the seafused to issue a writ of habeas corpus for oard to see the Great Leviathan."

A serious encounter took place in Suffolk, on Saturday night, between Messrs, A. R. Harrell and E. M. Brown, of that place, in which Harrell was severely, if not fatally der storm set in at Cincinnati, which con- wounded, by blows from a knife in the hands of Brown. It appears that the two were hotly engaged in a political conversation at the Columbia Hotel; and from words they got to blows; and in the fight Harrell was cut in a number of places by Brown, and nearly killed on the spot.

The July term of the Orange County Court commenced last Monday. J. L. Robinson qualified as Sheriff. Joseph Hiden was directed to purchase an iron fence for the Court House lot, the cost not to exceed \$750. Robert M. Martin, charged with shooting Thomas Wood, was held under bonds for his appearance before an Examining Court, at the next term. The presiding justice will be elected at the next term.

A duel was fought at Danville, on the 24th nst., between Messrs, A. J. Clark and Edmond Fitzgerald, which resulted in the wounding of the latter. His injuries, however, are believed not to be serious, the ball having only penetrated his body to a limited extent. The weapons used were rifles, distance forty paces. The scene of the duel was a few miles from town, in the neighboring county of Caswell, N. C.

The Wheeling (Va.) Intelligencer, of the 25th instant, contains the following refreshing paragraph: - "For two or three days past, the weather has been remarkably cool or the season of the year. The nights, too are cool and even chilly, the eager air hushng the song of the bloody mosquitoes, and uggesting woolen clothing and thicker bed

is so low that the proprietors of ferry boats and skiff's are said to experience sensations of alarm everytime they see a cow or horse drinking from the stream, and if the water continues to recede for a day or two longer, the occupation of these same ferries and There will be a Fair at the White Sulphur Springs, in Greenbrier, on the 8th and 9th

The water in the Ohio river at Wheeling

of August, for the exhibition of fine steck and on the 29th, 30th, and 31st of the same month, there will be a Fair on the grounds of the Greenbrier Agricultural Society, for the exhibition of stock, farming imple-The special term of the Circuit Court of Nelson county, held for the purpose of dis-

posing of the will case, Carter vs. Carter. was concluded on Wednesday last. A compromise was effected between the parties. W. H. Carter, the legatee, is to receive \$20,-000 nett, and the balance is to be divided among the heirs. Mr. J. W. Vernon has written a letter to

the Mayor of Petersburg, in which he states that efficient steps have been taken to place a steam service between Central Europe, (touching at an English port,) and the Chesapeake, and asks the citizens of Petersburg to subscribe \$1,000.

A Methodist camp meeting will be held in Westmoreland county, near Warsaw, com-

mencing on Friday, the 3d of August. A Baptist camp meeting will be held at the old stand in Culpeper county, near the Rappahannock line, not far from Jeffersonton, commencing on the 17th of August.

The Gordonsville Vigilance Committee, of Orange county, met at Gordonsville last Saturday, and transacted some business. A ommittee was appointed to meet the Court House committee. There will be a general meeting of the Committees on the second Saturday of August.

Mr. James L. Brown, of Lynchburg, has

ourchased the patent right for the sale of

Peeler's celebrated patent plow, in all but six counties of Virginia. The inventor has realized already about \$400,000, and has given one-half that amount to the Methodist Church, Mr. Jackson will offer his unexpired lease of the Hotel at Fairfax C. H., at public sale,

on the first day of the August term of the County Court, (Monday, 20th proximo,) and the sale of the furniture, fixtures, &c., will The Winchester (Va.) Boot and Shoe

ed at the last session of the Legislature, is now in active operation. It is said that the farmers in the surrounding country have pledged their patronage to the company. W. H. Cline, of Shenandoah county, had a hen's egg which measured 8 inches lengthwise, and 7 inches in circumference. It was layed by a Shanghai hen, and she has been

The bridge over Black Water Creek, in Campbell county, (built only two years ago, tration of aniesthetic agents on account of at a cost of \$1,500,) tumbled down last

> Judge Leigh has sufficiently recovered his health, to be able to attend to his duties as one of the Judges of the Court of Appeals, now in session in Lewisburg.

There were heavy falls of rain in Shenanentertainment of the Japanese, on the ground struction of this instrument is such that it doals county, on Sunday and on Sunday night last, which must prove highly beneficial to the growing crops of corn and potatoes. The Overseers of the Poor for Fairfax County, will meet at the Court House, on

> Monday, the first day of August Court, for the purpose of organizing the new Board. The Fauquier Female Seminary, at Warrenton, is to be opened under the management of Rev. J. S. Bacon, D. D., and Prof.

> R. P. Latham, A. M. Two eels were caught last Saturday, in Fox's dam, near Fairfax C. II., four feet long. and six inches around the body.

The growing corn between Front Royal and Winchester, except on very poor land, is looking finely. It is proposed to extend the Richmond and York River Railroad sixteen miles, to Urban-

na, on the Rappahannock. The Petersburg Express says that the cotton mills there are in active operation.

The Charlottesville Review says:-"The farmers in this vicinity are now busily engaged in threshing their wheat. Small as was the estimate placed upon it when cut, even that has to be largely reduced. The vield has disappointed every one, in many eases falling thirty per cent. short of the indications furnished by the amount of straw. Our corn and tobacco crops are not promising. The tobacco cannot possibly make a heavy yield. The corn is still in a condition to be made by a good season, but it is in that

critical state that permits of no further delay." The Richmond Inquirer says:-We are authorized to state that the article which appeared in the local column of the "Whig" of vesterday, under the caption "Sale of the James River and Kanawha Canal," is incorrect in its statements. No negotiation such as it describes has been concluded, and the "Whig" is mistaken even as to the nature of the negotiations now pending.

Lorenzo Norvell, esq., has been elected Cashier of the Farmers' Bank at Lynchburg, vice Tompkins, resigned.

John Madison, of Petersburg, has been appointed a State Cadet of the Virginia Military Institute. At Jordan's Springs there is a large com-

Letter from Harper's Ferry.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. HARPER'S FERRY, July 26 .- Leaving Ork-

pany, which is daily increasing.

ney Springs on the morning of the 23d. [came by way of Strasburg to Winchester. reaching that place on the afternoon of the same day, about 4 o'clock. I could have continued my journey, as I found a public conveyance starting for Martinsburg, which connected with the midnight train for this place, but being tired I concluded to stop all night, and before starting in the morning I

had an opportunity of looking round. Winchester looks quite dull, though it has a number of fine buildings, and more stores than I had expected to find. It is lighted with gas and well supplied with water, but the streets are narrow, and I think if the advocates of re-paving King street would take a few walks over them, they would be satisfied that Alexandria is not the worst paved town in the commonwealth, badly paved as she is. The military spirit seems to be abroad, for soldiers were drilling in the streets at night, and a fine band practicing

in the Armory of the Continentals. Leaving Winchester at 9 A. M., we had a very pleasant ride over the Winchester and Potomac Railroad to this place. Much curiosity was expressed, in passing through Charlestown, to see the court house and jail rendered famous by the trial and confinement of Old Brown and his traitors, but, to our great disappointment, they could not be

Here, however, the marks of the raid are still quite visible, the portholes cut in the Engine House, by the negroes at Brown's command, being left as they were, and the marks of balls being visible everywhere on the walls. The passage way of the bulle which killed Major Beckham, is still open in the water house.

Here, too, the military spirit is active, there being no less than four uniformed companies, and very fine ones at that. Yesterday, we visited the armories and spent the morning in examining the machinery, the operations of which are really wonderful .-The immense-trip hammers: huge grindstones and big rollers, make a stunning noise, while the ease with which the great knives clip iron bars, like tobacco cutters dividing the weed into convenient pieces for customers, and the sharp chisels which shave hard steel as it revolves, with more ease than a plaining machine does wood, strike the uninitiated with astonishment. The workmen, too, are the most intelligent, polite, and clean looking body of men I have ever seen engaged in such employments; or ndeed in any other where such numbers were collected. They have a fine cast steel cannon, rifling it, for experiments in gunnery. Of the natural features of "The Ferry' I need not speak, since they are familiar to all by description, if not by actual inspec tion; I will mention, however, a fact which I have not seen stated, which many will hear with unfeigned regret. Jefferson's rock is rapidly giving way, and has now to

> FIDELIS. Letter from the Springs,

be supported four cut-stone columns to keep

it in its ancient position. It will, I fear, be

numbered soon with the things of the past,

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. HOT SPRINGS, BATH CO., VA., July 25 .-We have here 115 to 120. At the White Sulphur, this morning there was said to be 1,000, and my informants, passengers who came from thence, met ten stages filled with passengers going there.

The mornings and evenings here are quite cold, and though during the day the sun shines with power, yet the air seems to be redolent of health. The thermal waters flow on in unceasing abundance at the old temperature of 99 to 106, and here the dediseased Livers, Kidneys, Skins, Glands, Muscles, Nerves, Stomachs, &c., are boiled (in the Boiling Bath) and spouted (in the

Hot Spout Bath) into a healthful state. I must not omit to mention that the waters of the Schlangenbad Spring here has, been conducted into a handsome building and forms a delightful Ladies Bath of 18 feet by 18-the temperature being 86 Farenheit. The water is Cosmetic though not as much so as that of the Spring in the Duchy of Nassau after which it is named and of which Sir Francis Head in his "Bubbles of the Brunnen of Nassau" gives so glowing Manufactory, for which a charter was grant- and fanciful a description. The Erwin Bath (new) being 38 by 40 affords gentlemen a

> Swimming Bath at the invigorating temperature of 77. I have been here five days, after spending a week at the Warm Springs; at the latter place the accomodations as to rooms and fare are very good and the Warm Bath continues to be the greatest luxury of the kind in the world. You know it is of octagon form, 38 feet diameter, 5 feet deep and has such copious springs rising in it, that it can be filled in an hour; how beautiful is the silvery appearance of the gaseous bubbles which are constantly seen rising from the bottom of the Bath, and how delightful the feeling as they so gently touch the body of the bather. The company at the Warm Springs has not been large, this season, but very agreeable, some well known citizens of the Old Dominion, from the Capitol, and from the West. Johnson might have located his happy Valley at the Warm Springs so far as beautiful scenery, soothing waters, and all that is necessary to support

The Healing Springs three miles from this place is well patronized this season. It is reported to have a well kept table.

life is concerned.

THE CHEROKEE NATION .- A late Texas paper contains the subjoined: - "The trouble that have been brewing for some months among the Cherokees, between the slaveholders and non-slaveholders, and were incited by abolition missionaries, have come to that pass that the nation is in arms; and one Evan Jones, an abolitionist leader, and his son, have enlisted two thousand of the Cherokees for an attack on their brethern. A requisition, it is stated, will be made on the State of Arkansas, for aid to assist in quelling this insurrection.